Extension of Railway network upto Agartala, Tripura

804. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 21st July, 1991, regarding extension of 132 KM of railway network upto Agartala in Tripura;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for taking up first the 23 km stretch from the last rail head Kumarghat to Sindukumar for socio-economic development of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The news item regarding extension of 132 kms of railway network upto Agartala appeared in the Hidnustan Times dated 22nd July, 1991 only informed the readers of the Government's decision for resuming the Final Location Survey for the Kumarghat-Agartala MG line.

(c) No, Sir.

Major irrigation Schemes

805. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number or major irrigation projects which remain incomplete at the end of 1990-91 with a spill over cost and how many out of these date back to the previous plan periods;

(b) the number of these which were taken up during the Seventh Plan period and how many of these were completed during this period with details thereof; and

(c) what is the shortfall of irrigation potential at the end of the Seventh Plan period and the targetted irrigation potential envisaged during the Eighth Plan period and the steps to be taken or achieving this target?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) 167 approved and unapproved major projects have remained incomplete at the end of 1990-91. All these projects date back to the previous plan periods. The spill over cost of the incomplete major projects from the Seventh Plan was about Rs. 31,700 crores.

(b) Out of the above, 17 projects were taken up during the Seventh Plan period and none of these have been completed during this period.

(c) The targetted irrigation potential to be created during the Seventh Plan was 4.297 Million hectares and the anticipated achievement is 2.319 million hectares. While the potential creation target for Eighth Plan have not been finalised, the strategy evolved to ensure full achievement enjoins advance planning and careful prioritisation of projects for funding.

Collection of additional Revenue after inauguration of new Railway Line

806. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total additional revenue collected, so far, since the inauguration of Nadikude and Bibinagar line, as well as gauge conversion between Guntur and Machel in South Central Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Aggregate additional originating revenue collected upto 31st March, 1991 was as under:—

	(Rs. in thousand*s)
Nadikude to Bibinagar	3,46,12
Guntur to Macherla	1,30,90£

£Amount pertains to the period May/1990 to March/1991 with reference to the corresponding period before conversion

Improvement in the production and efficiency of Steel Industry

807. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times o August 11, 1991 regarding improvement in the production and efficiency of the Steel Industry; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No such news item appeared in the Hindustan Times on the 11th August, 1991, though there was such an item in the paper on 13-8-1991.

(b) There is indeed a need to improve productivity and efficiency of the Indian Steel Industry. Efforts in this context include better raw material preparation, ensuring the sustained supply of right quality of inputs, modernisation and technological upgradation of plants, expansion of units to economic size, and greater efforts at human resource development including training in higher technological work culture conducive to higher production and productivity. Governmental policy and action thrusts are aimed in this direction.

Privatisation of inefficient Mines

808. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise inefficient mines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to finance such loss making mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal. However, if mining is not carried out by the lessee in accordance with terms and conditions of the mining lease, the lease can be determined according to the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act.

(c) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार व्यक्ति

809. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय**: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार में बेरोजगार लोगों की अलग अलग संख्या कितनी है; और

(ख) इन दो राज्यों में विभिन्न रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार लोगों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें पिछले वर्ष के दौरान रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया है ;

श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): (क) और (ख)